



# Streamlines

## Fall/Winter 2019



### President's Message

Dear CVTU Members,

I trust this newsletter reaches you after what I hope was a successful and fulfilling fishing season. As we settle into winter, our board has prepared several interesting and informative presentations for our upcoming chapter meetings. By now, I hope you know about our new meeting location at the Comfort Suites on Shelburne Road. I'd like to ask for your help in two areas. First, please spread the word about the new venue, and second I'd like each of you to invite a friend to join us for one of these presentations. One of the key initiatives of our chapter is to strengthen member engagement, and it is my hope that increased meeting attendance will result in greater participation in chapter activities such as conservation efforts and TIC. Invitees do not need to be members of our chapter to attend these presentations and I look forward to meeting them and catching up with many of you soon.

All the best,

Ryan Whitney

President – Central Vermont Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

### Lake Mansfield Trout Club

In early June, fourteen members and friends of CVTU enjoyed the opportunity to stay and fish at the Lake Mansfield Trout Club in Stowe. LMTC is a private club, situated on the southeast side of Mt. Mansfield. This is fly fishing only, on waters last stocked in the early 1990s. The rain did not discourage the fishermen/women and some large brookies were caught. Food, accommodations and comradery were excellent, as always.

This is a fun outing at a unique and special place. We've been invited to return next year so mark your calendars and save the date---June 7 and 8. Details will be available later in the year.

Larry Bruce



A fine LMTC brookie

### Save the Date

*Our annual conservation fund raising banquet will be Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Ballroom, Comfort Suites, Shelburne Rd.*

*Stay tuned for details as they become available – on our website [www.vttu.org](http://www.vttu.org), our FaceBook page and in this newsletter.*

# CVTU Participates in International Year of the Salmon Festival

On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Richmond Town Volunteers Green, representatives of our CVTU chapter joined other local conservation groups in observance of an International Year of the Salmon festival. Celebrated world-wide, this hemispheric event was coordinated as an effort to focus on the ecological urgencies which affect salmon as a species, and environmental health as a whole.

Spearheaded by U.S. Fish and Wildlife, representatives from different groups met several times since April to plan out the day's events, aimed at attracting citizens from the area to share in the educational and fun events that promoted an awareness for environmental issues. Besides



INTERNATIONAL  
YEAR OF THE SALMON

CVTU, representatives from Vt. Fish and Wildlife, Friends of the Winooski, Lake Champlain Basin Program, LL Bean, Burlington Electric, and Lake Champlain Maritime Museum participated with information booths. Adult salmon were on display, a canoe trip was conducted down the Winooski River, and a stocking of salmon fingerlings took place at day's end.

CVTU was represented by Sheila Reid and Rhey Plumley who provided instruction in fly casting, and Ed Collins, Randy Amis and Jack Price who demonstrated fly tying and answered questions from the many adults and children who stopped by the booth. The shared interests of the "vendors" was wonderful to see, each approaching the problems of environmental degradation from a different perspective, each contributing something important to a possible solution. The weather cooperated with beautiful blue skies and crisp autumn air. A good time was had by all!

Jack Price  
Conservation Committee

## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

**Please note the NEW location:** Comfort Suites, Sugarbush Room (under the Sunset Ballroom),  
1712 Shelburne Road, South Burlington, VT 05403

Meetings start at 7 PM. Non members are always welcome.

**December 3:** Authors Peter Shea / Bob Shannon will talk about their new book, "Vermont Trout Streams"

**January 7:** Guides' Night: Stream and Brook, Maple Country, Middlebury Mountaineer, Fly Rod Shop, Uncle Jammers, Ed Schirmer

**February 4:** Fly Tying & Fishing Tactics Night - TBD

**March 3:** Lake Fishery Presentation: TBD



Entrance to Comfort Inn and Suites  
(where we have our banquets)

# The TIC Tank

I am pleased to report that our CVTU Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program was very successful for the 2018-19 school year. We had 38 tanks in 36 schools reaching in excess of 3,000 students. Thanks to our member volunteers - Barry Parker, Chuck Goller, Doug Zehner, Frank Hagerty, Jack Price, John Quinn, Paul Urband, and Richard Giard - who provide the support that makes this program possible in the classroom environment.

Presently, our efforts are focused on the 2019-20 school year, our 6<sup>th</sup> year of supporting this program. CVTU will be responsible for 42 tanks in 40 schools. Teachers new to this program have attended the all-day Vermont TU New Teacher Workshop. Equipment ordering and delivery will occur during November. This equipment will be set up and put into operation during the first 2 weeks of December. State supplied Brook Trout eggs will be delivered the first week of January.



Cambridge Elementary students releasing fingerlings in the Brewster River last Spring



The excitement for TIC was palpable in this display in the Camel's Hump Middle School lobby, Richmond

I want to recognize Tad Dippel who has volunteered to assume the Chapter Coordinator position for this important program. I find it interesting that in 2008, Tad, while a teacher at Williston Central School, requested that CVTU purchase TIC equipment for use in his classroom. We made the purchase, but we had no means of supporting him. He just learned on his own.

Every year we receive requests from more and more schools who want to participate in this program. We cannot grow the program without more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact myself or Tad.

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TIC Coordinator



*There is only one theory about angling in which I have perfect confidence, and this is that the two words, least appropriate to any statement about it, are the words "always" and "never".*

Lord Grey of Fallodon,  
*Fly Fishing* 1899

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## Fly du Jour – the Hornberg

The Hornberg can be cast out upstream and drifted as a dry fly. It can be pulled under the surface and stripped as a streamer. Is it a caddis? Stonefly? A minnow? You decide!!!

Frank Hornberg was the creator of the Hornberg Special. While the fly is familiar to many, relatively little is written or known about the man. He was born February 27, 1882 in Wisconsin. In 1920 he became the first game warden assigned to Portage county Wisconsin and served there until his retirement in 1950.

The Hornberg is tied on a 10 - 6 long streamer hook. The shank is wound with silver tinsel. Yellow calf tail or yellow small hackles are then tied in as an under wing. The wing consists of two gray mallard flank feathers tied parallel and vertically along the shank. Jungle cock eyes are attached so that the second eye shows. The front is then wound with grizzly dry fly hackle.

**Hook:** Streamer hook size 6 – 10 such as Mustad 38941, 9671

**Thread:** Black

**Tail:** None

**Body:** Flat silver tinsel

**Underwing:** Yellow calf tail, tied so as to tilt slightly upward

**Overwing:** Flanked by 2 mallard flank feathers, half a shank past bend

**Cheeks:** Jungle cock eyes, 2<sup>nd</sup> eye showing

**Hackle:** 4-5 turns using a grizzly and brown mix – tied as a dry fly collar



Nicky Paquette  
CVTU Secretary and Treasurer